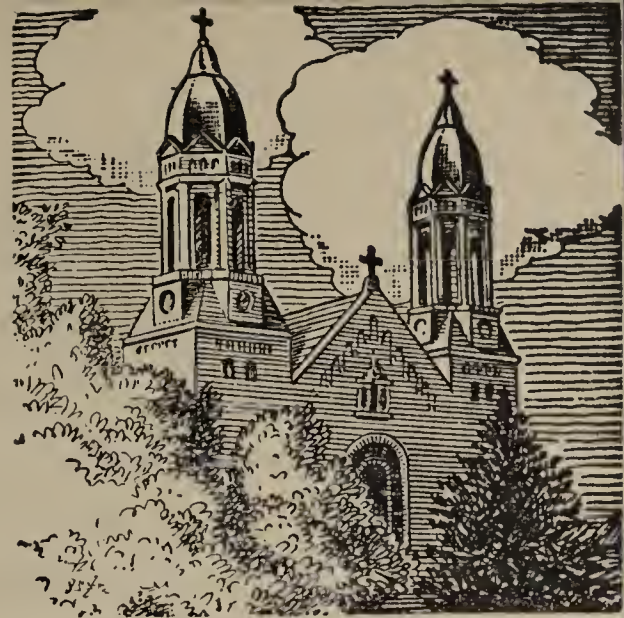


# THE SANGUINIST

## COLLEGE RELIGIOUS BULLETIN



### ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE COLLEGEVILLE, INDIANA

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Dear Students:

With the beginning of Lent I wish most earnestly to urge all students of St. Joseph's to prayer and mortification. Only prayer and penance for sin can right the wrongs and evil of today and bring the blessed peace of God. The additional Mass arranged for eight o'clock should make it most convenient for all students to attend at least one Mass daily and to receive Holy Communion with great frequency during Lent. Pray for the welfare of St. Joseph's and that God may keep St. Joe men in the services of our country.

*Aloys Dirksen, C.P.S.*

## *HIS HOLINESS SPEAKS*

"Time and again in the present calamities that afflict us on every side the reigning Pontiff, Pius XII, has, moved by ardent charity, recommended to the Christian people both private and public prayer as a means of assistance mid present trials and especially as a means of securing peace among peoples, recalling the promises of the Divine Master: "Ask and you shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'"

Thus begins a recent Instruction from the Sacred Congregation of the Council. And it goes on to urge forcefully that we, the Faithful, follow out Pope Pius's oft-expressed wish—the wish that each one of us attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion as frequently as possible for the intention of a quick peace, in charity and justice. It is a call to a re-appreciation of Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to a complete renewal of our personal love of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Not all the arms—the tanks, the planes, the guns—of our factories can obtain the longed-for and lasting peace without God's help. Nothing can be more acceptable to Our Lord than the Eucharistic Sacrifice; nothing can more truly be "a source of Life and sanctity for the benefit of the whole world" than that of Divine Oblation.

For us the Holy Father's call should mean this: We during Lent have been dispensed from the regular practices of penance, but we have not been freed from the practice of penance as such. That obligation remains as seriously as ever. We must find a substitute. Now what better action could we possibly perform than to follow strictly this injunction of Pope Pius? To re-evaluate personally the Holy Sacrifice, to renew our love of Christ . . . Is that a penance? It is a privilege of the highest order.

"Mass and Communion every morning during Lent!" Let that be our resolve. We must be urged to do this, when it can be done so very easily? No, to a St. Joe man a reminder is enough.



## WHO ARE THESE JOCISTS ? ?

The war today has not changed the need of rebuilding our social order with a view to justice for the workingman, but has made it more vital to the furthering of world peace.

Before World War I, the first step was taken by Joseph Cardijn to give the workingman his due. When the death of Joseph's father occurred because of unsanitary conditions in a factory he vowed that he would devote his life to a crusade for health and happiness among the working people of Belgium.

The first thing that Father Cardijn did was to make a trip through the factory section and study the terrible, filthy, and immoral conditions that existed in the factories. In 1912 he gathered together the first little labor organization that had spiritual ideals as its basis. "Piety, Study, Action . . ." were the original watchwords of this little band.

During the war the group diminished because many members of the group were mobilized. The remaining members continued an intensive training period and preparation for the work to come. Finally in 1924, the organization became known as the Jocists. Their cry then became: "*Back to Christ, Young Workers.*" They were organized according to their positions, or jobs, and then they were ready for their weekly conferences with "*See, Judge and Act*" becoming the order of procedure.

"Every Jocist develops religious and social reform at his or her own point of contact with the world. In this way the leaven of Christ permeates every environment or milieu. Why should a single worker be able to radiate virtue, power, joy? The answer is in their individual sense of the presence of God. Christ is present to these workers in His name. Religion is the familiar stuff of their lives."

"Daily life is conceived as a vocation: a complete life; a thorough destiny; writing, studying, games, work, dancing, scouting, courtship, marriage, entertaining, or being entertained . . . all these are dipped in the chrism of Christ, stamped with the seal of Christ, blazing with the love of Christ."

Is it any wonder then that people with such beautiful ideals are making gigantic progress in the task of rechristianization of the world.

A prisoner during the first world war . . . and a prisoner of the second world war, Joseph Cardijn, famous founder of the Jocists, has been liberated by the Germans. Reporting by a reliable source, "we may surmise that the Germans consider him too hot to handle and are evidently having another try at their policy of seeming tolerance.

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## THE SPIRIT OF LENT

Even a cursory reading of the New Testament reveals Christ's insistence on the necessity of penance for salvation. He not only preached penance, but lived it. Christ's entire human life was one of penance and mortification. His cry: "Unless you take up your cross and follow Me, you cannot be My disciple," was not a mere figure of speech. It was a command binding all men.

While the laws of the Church on fast and abstinence have been practically suspended this Lent due to our national emergency, we have not been freed from the obligation of some form of penance. In the diocese of Fort Wayne we are dispensed from the obligation of fast and abstinence on all days except Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday till noon. However, the FRIDAY LAW OF ABSTINENCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF MEAT REMAINS IN FULL FORCE.

Our Most Reverend Bishop urges us to substitute the Lenten Devotions and the practice of almsgiving for the customary observance of Lenten Fast. All of us share in the generous dispensation of our Bishop. All of us, therefore, are bound to perform some works of penance during this Lenten Season. Far, however, from considering it a burden, we should be glad to imitate the inspiring example of our Divine Savior. Let us prove this Lent that we are *His Disciples* by taking up the cross of personal sacrifice and mortification. Prayer and sacrifices shall be our watchwords; yes, prayer and sacrifice for an early world peace and a victory born of justice and charity.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those who cannot find it convenient to attend the daily 7:15 Mass should make it a point of honor to attend the 8:00 Mass. *Communion is distributed at this Mass.* We may remind you that Masses are continuously said from 6:30 to 8:00 A. M. inclusive.

Opportunity for Confession: Thursday and Saturday evenings immediately after supper. Daily: During the 7:15 Mass.

Lenten Devotions: Every *Friday evening* Stations of the Cross (short form) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.